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SUBJ: SECOND COMITE - ITEM 49, OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES
FOR DEVELOPMENT

1. EIGHT COUNTRIES (NETHERLANDS, UPPER VOLTA, AUSTRIA, YUGOSLAVIA, DENMARK, ISRAEL, SPAIN AND HUNGARY) PLUS IBRD REP SPOKE TO ITEM A.M. 13 NOVEMBER WITH MOST SPEAKERS LAUDING 1) STATEMENTS MADE 12 NOVEMBER BY UNDP, UNICEF AND UNFPA DIRECTORS; 2) ENCOURAGING RESULTS (18 PERCENT INCREASE) UNDP 1974 PLEDGING CONFERENCE; AND 3) PROSPECTS FOR ENLARGED, INVIGORATED UN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FIRST AND FOREMOST TO BENEFIT THE RLDC'S STEMMING FROM LARGE NETHERLANDS CONTRIBUTION AND ENCOURAGING RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY NETHERLANDS AS FIRST SPEAKER.

2. OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST MADE BY SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

A. NETHERLANDS - FOLLOWING LENGTHY INTRODUCTION, ASKED FOR UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF UNCDF RES. SAID PLANNED, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, TO INCREASE AID TO UNFPA IN 1974 TO \$5.5 MILLION AND TO UNICEF TO FOUR MILLION GILDERS.

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B) UPPER VOLTA - STRONGLY SUPPORTED CDF RES AND BELIEVED

THAT UNDP SHOULD RAISE ITS 1973-1976 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL AID TO 25 LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ABOVE CURRENT \$35 MILLION FIGURE BASED ON RESULTS 1974 PLEDGING CONFERENCE AND IN ADDITION PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR PROPOSED SAHEL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, FOR LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES, AND TO GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL PROJECTS.

C) AUSTRIA - SUPPORTED CDF RES, UNV PROGRAM AND SAID IT FAVORED SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA (GOING BEYOND PER CAPITA INCOME AND POPULATION) SUCH AS SELF-HELP, ETC. BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ON SETTING IPF'S FOR SECOND UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING CYCLE.

D) YUGOSLAVIA - REMINDED EVERYONE THAT IT HAD CHAMPIONED CDF FROM DAY ONE, SLAPPED AT UNDP'S UNTIL RECENTLY CAVALIER TREATMENT OF CDF, AND URGED UNDP TO PROMPTLY TAKE ALL NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES TO ASSURE FUTURE SUCCESS OF CDF OPERATIONS. SLAPPED AT FAULTY GEOGRAPHIC DISPERSION OF UNDP FINANCED CONTRACTS.

E) DENMARK - SAID HOPED UNDP REORGANIZATION ABOUT COMPLETE, HEADQUARTERS COSTS STABILIZED, UNDP WOULD ENGAGE IN MORE DIRECT CONTRACTING, USE OUTSIDE AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS MORE (LIKE UNFPA DOES) FOR EXECUTING PROJECTS. WENT ON LAUD DELICATELY BALANCED COMPROMISE DECISION TAKEN BY 16TH UNDPGC RE CRITERIA FOR IPF'S.

F) ISRAEL - LAUDED POLICY AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES OF UNDP, FAVORED MORE AID TO RLDC'S, WILLING TO SHARE ITS DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE WITH ALL COUNTRIES AND GROUPS INCLUDING RECENTLY ORGANIZED WORKING GROUP ON HOW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN BETTER ASSIST ONE ANOTHER, REITERATED IT HAD DECIDED NOT ASK FOR UNDP ASSISTANCE AFTER FIRST COUNTRY PROGRAMMING CYCLE COMPLETED IN 1976.

G) HUNGARY - LAUDED UNIVERSALITY AND VOLUNTARY FEATURE OF UNDP BUT THEN WENT ON CHASTISE UNDP FOR CONTINUING PROVIDE AID TO AGGRESSOR ISRAEL. ALSO CHASTISED UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES FOR NOT COOPERATING MORE WITH UNDP AND NOT PAYING DUE RESPECT TO WHAT UNDP GC AND ECOSOC UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID. PROUD THAT HUNGARY HAD INCREASED CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP 50 PERCENT FOR 1974.

H) WORLD BANK OBSERVER SAID BANK WELCOMED STATEMENT AND RESOLUTION INITIATIVE OF NETHERLANDS, THAT PROBLEMS OF RLDC'S WERE ACUTE, SPECIAL IN NATURE AND LIKELY REQUIRED SPECIAL MEASURES. SAID BANK WOULD BE HAPPY TO COOPERATE WITH UNDP RE ANY CDF RELATED STUDIES PERFORMED VIA SHARING

ITS EXPERIENCES, KNOWLEDGE, AND INSIGHTS WITH UNDP AND
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